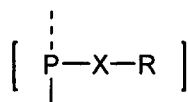


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A microarray comprising a plurality of microlocations, wherein the microlocations each comprise an underlying working microelectrode on a substrate, wherein at least [[some]] one of the microelectrodes are covered by a permeation layer comprising at least a first chemical group for attaching biomolecules to the microarray, the first group having the formula:



wherein,

P is a polymerizable moiety covalently attached to one or two moieties selected from the group consisting of a monomeric unit of the permeation layer and another P-X-R group, as defined herein, wherein the other P-X-R group may be the same as or different from the first P-X-R group, further wherein the dashed line is a covalent bond to the second moiety if P is covalently attached to two moieties;

X is a covalent bond or a linking moiety; and

R is a functional moiety for attaching, either covalently or non-covalently, a biomolecule, wherein R is activated by a chemical transformation caused by a pH change in an overlying solution generated by providing an electronic potential at the at least one microelectrode of the microarray before reacting with the biomolecule, and wherein **R** is selected from the

group consisting of acetals, ketals, imines, TBOC, FMOC, trityl, trifluoroacetamide, and esters.

2-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 1 wherein **P** is covalently attached to at least one other P-X-R group, further wherein the **P** is covalently attached to the **P** moiety of the at least one other P-X-R group.

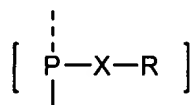
8. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 7 wherein the at least one other P-X-R group is a portion of a polymer, wherein a backbone of the polymer comprises the **P** moieties of a plurality of P-X-R groups covalently attached to one another.

9. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 8 wherein the **P** and/or **R** moieties of the first P-X-R group and the P-X-R groups in the polymer backbone are the same.

10-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 1 wherein **X** is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, an alkyl group of 1-10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2-10 carbon atoms, alkyl esters, ketones, amides, ethers, thioesters, amido groups, carbonyls, and any combinations thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A microarray comprising a plurality of microlocations, wherein the microlocations each comprise an underlying working microelectrode on a substrate, wherein at least ~~[[some]]~~ one of the microelectrodes are covered by a permeation layer comprising first and second chemical groups having the formula



wherein,

the dashed line is a covalent bond to a second moiety if P is covalently attached to two moieties

P is a polymerizable moiety,

X is a linking moiety selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, an alkyl group of 1-10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2-10 carbon atoms, alkyl esters, ketones, ethers amides, thioesters, amido groups, carbonyls, and any combinations thereof; and

R is a functional moiety for attaching, either covalently or non-covalently, a biomolecule, and wherein R is activated by a chemical transformation caused by a pH change in an overlying solution generated by providing an electronic potential at the at least one microelectrode of the microarray before reacting with the biomolecule, and wherein R is selected from the group consisting of acetals, ketals, imines, TBOC, FMOC, trityl, trifluoroacetamide, and esters;

wherein the first and second P-X-R groups may be the same or different;

wherein the P moieties of the first P-X-R groups are covalently attached to the permeation layer matrix and to one P of the second P-X-R groups;

wherein the P moieties of the second P-X-R groups are covalently attached to one or two other P moieties of other second P-X-R groups to form a polymer of the second P-X-R groups.

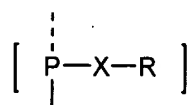
15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 14 wherein **R** are the same for the first and second P-X-R groups.

17. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 14 wherein **P** of the first and/or second P-X-R groups require activation prior to participating in a polymerization reaction, wherein the activation is either under the same or mutually exclusive conditions.

18-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A microarray comprising a plurality of microlocations, wherein the microlocations each comprise an underlying working microelectrode on a substrate, wherein at least some of the microelectrodes are covered by a permeation layer comprising first P-X-R groups attached to one or two moieties selected from the group consisting of biomolecules and polymerized monomer units comprising second P-X-R groups, wherein the polymerized second P-X-R groups are further attached to biomolecules, wherein the attachment of the biomolecules to the first P-X-R groups or to the polymerized second P-X-R groups requires activation of at least one of the first and/or the second P-X-R groups under acidic and/or basic pH conditions, wherein the first and second P-X-R groups have the formula



wherein,

the dashed line is a covalent bond to a second moiety if P is covalently attached to two moieties;

P is a polymerizable moiety, wherein;

X is a linking moiety selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, an alkyl group of 1-10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2-10 carbon atoms, alkyl esters, ketones, ethers amides, thioesters, amido groups, carbonyls, and any combinations thereof; and

R is a functional moiety for attaching, either covalently or non-covalently, a biomolecule or for attaching covalently another P-X-R group;

wherein **P** comprises a chemical element requiring activation for attaching to the permeation layer and/or to a **P** of an other P-X-R group;

wherein **R** comprises chemical elements requiring activation by a chemical transformation caused by a pH change in an overlying solution different from **P** of either the first or second P-X-R groups for attaching to biomolecules,

wherein the pH change is produced by a method selected from the group consisting of contacting the electronic microarray with a buffer of the appropriate pH, applying an electronic potential at at least one electrode of the electronically addressable microarray to alter the pH, and combinations thereof, and

wherein when an electronic potential is used to alter the pH, the electric potential is applied at a current density of between 50 nA/5000 μm^2 and 5 μA /5000 μm^2 at the at least one electrode for a time period between 30 and 600 seconds.

29. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **28** wherein the permeation layer comprises a polymer polymerized from a monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylamide, bisacrylamide, methacrylamide, *N*-alkyl acrylamides, functionalized ethylene glycol derivatives, *N*-vinyl pyrrolidinone, bis-cystamine, acrylates, methacrylates, and acrylonitriles.

30. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **28** wherein the biomolecules are further derivatized with a chemical moiety selected from the group consisting of vinyl, allyl, homoallyl, acetal, ester, carboxylic acid, amide, halo-acetamide, thiol, phosphorothiolate monoester, thioester, disulfide, aldehyde, ketone, hydrazide, hydrazine, and amines.

31. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **28** wherein **P** for the first and second P-X-R groups are, independently, selected from the group consisting of alkenyl moieties, α,β -unsaturated carbonyls, vinyl, allyl and homoallyl groups, acetal, thioester, disulfide, epoxides, alkyl ether, and carboxylic acid moieties.

32. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **28** wherein the **X** for the first and second P-X-R groups are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, a carbon chain consisting of 1 to 10 carbons, ethers, polyethers, amides, and esters.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 28 wherein the **R** is the same for the first and second P-X-R groups.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 28 wherein **R** for the first and second P-X-R groups are thioester moieties.

37. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 28 wherein **R** for the first and second P-X-R groups are acetal moieties.

38-66. (Cancelled)

67. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 1 wherein **P** is selected from the group consisting of an acetal, epoxide, ester, carboxylic acid, amide, halo-acetamide, thiol, phosphorothiolate monoester, thioester, disulfide, aldehyde, ketone, hydrazide, hydrazine, and amine moieties.

68-71. (Cancelled)

72. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 14 wherein **P** is selected from the group consisting of alkenyl, α,β -unsaturated carbonyl, vinyl, allyl, and homoallyl moieties.

73. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 14 wherein **P** is selected from the group consisting of an acetal, epoxide, ester, carboxylic acid, amide, halo-acetamide, thiol, phosphorothiolate monoester, thioester, disulfide, aldehyde, ketone, hydrazide, hydrazine, and amine moieties.

74-77. (Cancelled)

78. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **14** wherein the **R** moieties of the first and/or second P-X-R groups require activation prior to covalent attachment to a biomolecule, wherein the activation is either under the same or mutually exclusive conditions for the first and second groups.

79. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **78** wherein the activation is by basic or acidic conditions.

80. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **79** wherein the basic or acidic conditions required for activation may be produced by applying an electronic potential at at least one electrode of the electronically addressable microarray.

81-86. (Cancelled)

87. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **1** wherein the permeation layer comprises a polymer polymerized from a monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylamide, bisacrylamide, methacrylamide, *N*-alkyl acrylamides, functionalized ethylene glycol derivatives, *N*-vinyl pyrrolidinone, bis-cystamine, acrylates, methacrylates, and acrylonitriles.

88. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **14** wherein the permeation layer comprises a polymer polymerized from a monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylamide, bisacrylamide, methacrylamide, *N*-alkyl acrylamides, functionalized ethylene glycol derivatives, *N*-vinyl pyrrolidinone, bis-cystamine, acrylates, methacrylates, and acrylonitriles.

89. (Cancelled)

90. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **1**, wherein R is a thioester.

91. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim **14**, wherein R is a thioester.

92. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 28, wherein R is selected from the group consisting of acetals, ketals, imines, TBOC, FMOC, trityl, trifluoroacetamide, and esters.

93. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 28, wherein R is a thioester.